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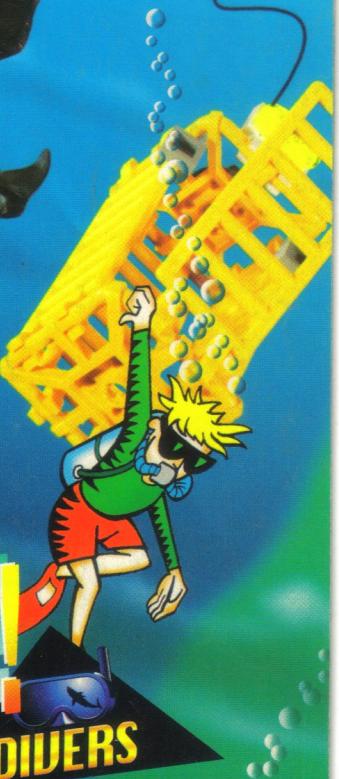
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BEWARE:  
DANGER BELOW  
with  
NEW DIVERS!

DIVERS



What's  
for  
lunch?  
CONTEST



# new PossiBuild ities

## meet Diver Dan

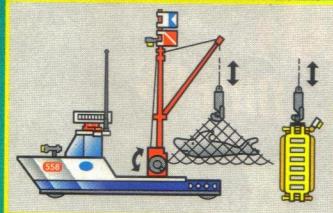


Diver Dan the scuba man has found 12 of Captain Red Beard's wrecked treasure ships. He can tame the most dangerous sea creatures. He skates on skates, surfs on stingrays and cuts up wrecks with sawfish. The only critter he has problems with is the great white shark who took a big bite out of Dan's favorite flippers.

# DIVE INTO DANGER!



Dive into deep-sea action with the Divers. This group of daring underwater explorers brave the dangers of the deep, sawfish, octopuses, stingrays and even angry sharks. They search for sunken treasure, submerge in subs and sneer at sharks from the safety of their shark cage. Explore the underwater lab on pages 8-9.



Turn the crank to raise and lower the net and the shark cage!

## #6558 SHARK CAGE COVE

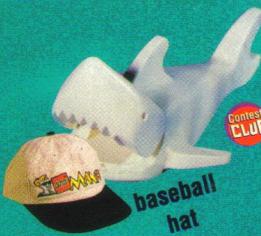
It's the shark cage for you if you want to dive where the sharks live. Please keep your hands and feet inside the shark cage or they may end up inside a shark.



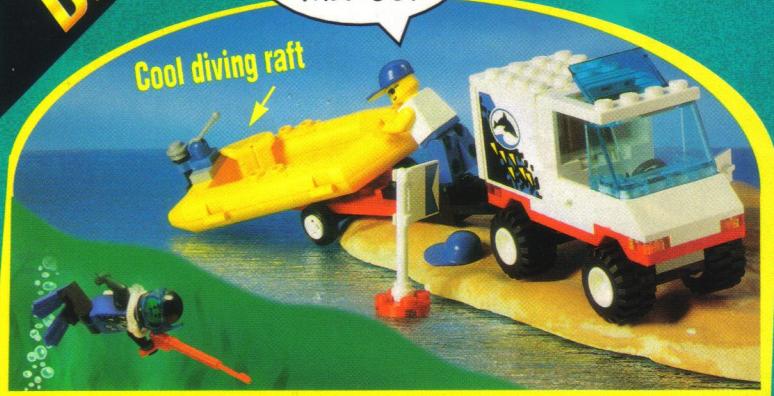
# DIVERS

HEAVE, HO,  
A DIVING WE  
WILL GO!

Cool diving raft



Comics CLUE



## #6556 SCUBA SQUAD

## #6442 STING RAY EXPLORER

With this high-tech sub you can grab a stinging stingray by the tail or wave to mom on underwater TV.

Powerful propeller speeds sub through the water.



Treasure grabbing arms →

## meet Scuba Sandy

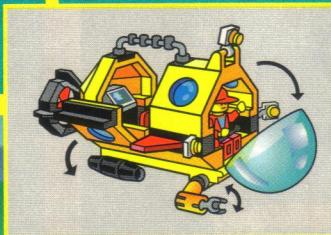
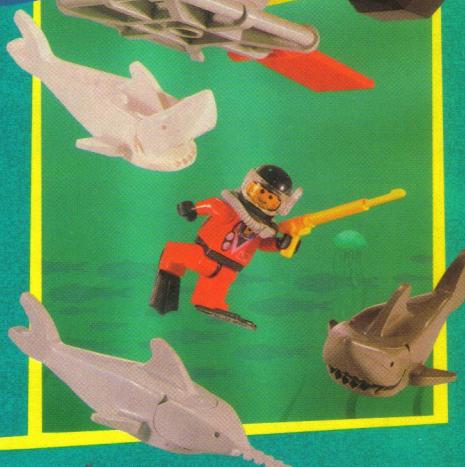
Scuba Sandy, famous marine biologist, studies everything under the sea, from super sharp sawfish to diving dolphins. At night aboard the Deep Reef Refuge, she likes to switch on a lantern fish, curl up like a sea horse and read a book of whale tales.

Special domed cockpit!  
Cool underwater camera!

#6599

## SHARK ATTACK

Diver Dan, you better watch your back — the sawfish, basking shark and great white are on the attack!



Sub's cargo doors and cockpit open and close.

SMILE,  
YOU'RE ON  
STINGRAY TV.

Cool underwater video camera!





YOU CAN BUILD THIS...

# BAT RACER

Club member, Travis Blake, age 12 of California inspired our model designers to create the awesome Bat Racer!



Your original model could be featured in the LEGO Mania Magazine. Send a photo of your model to:

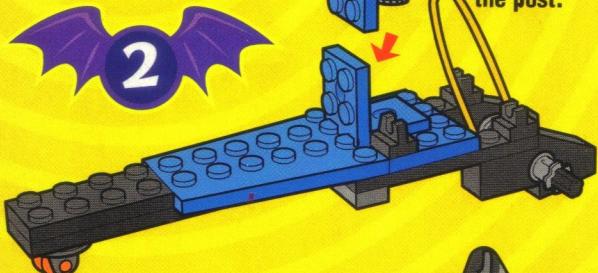
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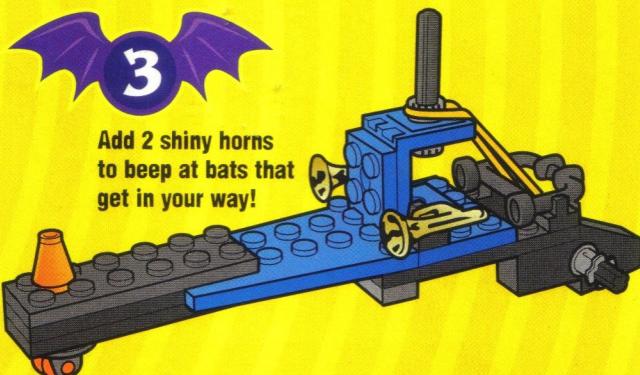
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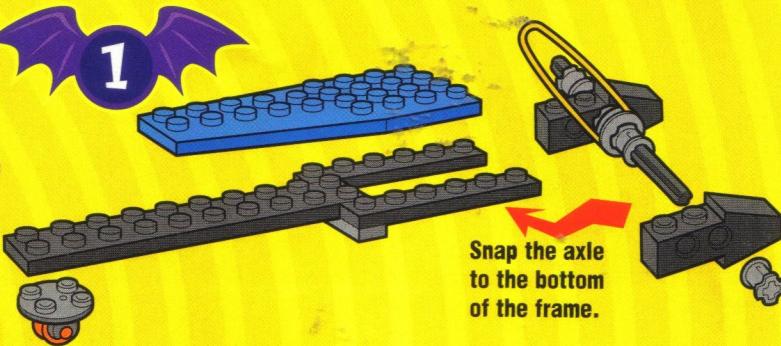
Club members featured will receive a free LEGO set of their choice (up to \$100 value).



Stretch the rubber band over the post.



Add 2 shiny horns to beep at bats that get in your way!



Snap the axle to the bottom of the frame.



Add a bat on the hood, the Bat Lord behind the wheel — then zoom across the floor to get those bat wings spinning!



Add the barrel of fun.

Build 2 bat wings.



Use pieces from your own LEGO collection or you can find all the pieces you need to build the Bat Racer in #6499 Time Tunnelator (then put the Bat Lord from #6007 or another figure behind the wheel).

#6499 Time Tunnelator

# Discover the Most Mysterious and Dangerous Creature in the Sea.

IT'S HUNGRIER THAN A SHARK, SNEAKIER THAN A STINGRAY AND MORE ORNERY THAN AN OCTOPUS... DIVE INTO THIS TERRIFYING TALE IF YOU DARE!



GRRRRR!

DAN, LOOK OUT! THERE'S SOMETHING STARING AT US, AND IT'S GROWLING!

SANDY, I THINK THERE'S SOME TREASURE IN THIS OLD SHARK CAVE.



RROARRR!

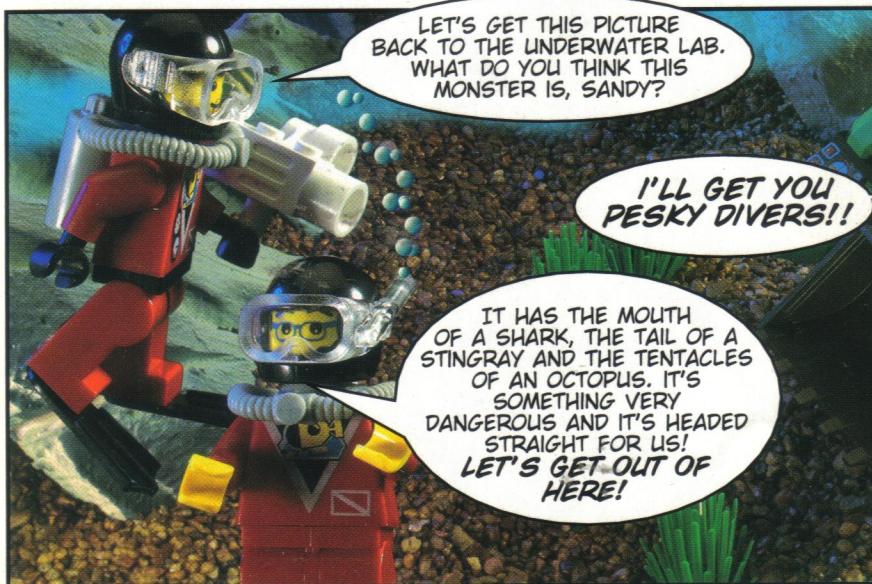
HELP, SANDY! ITS MOUTH IS FILLED WITH BIG, POINTY TEETH AND ITS BREATH SMELLS LIKE STINKY, OILY RAGS. I'M GOING TO BE SWALLOWED UP.



BURRPPP!

I'VE GOT THIS MONSTER BY THE TAIL, DAN. WOW. ITS TAIL IS HARD, SCALY AND HAS A SPINNING STINGER.

THANKS, SANDY! WHEN YOU PULLED IT'S TAIL, IT SPIT ME UP. LOOK OVER HERE. THIS CREATURE EVEN HAS SHARP CLAWS.



LET'S GET THIS PICTURE BACK TO THE UNDERWATER LAB. WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS MONSTER IS, SANDY?

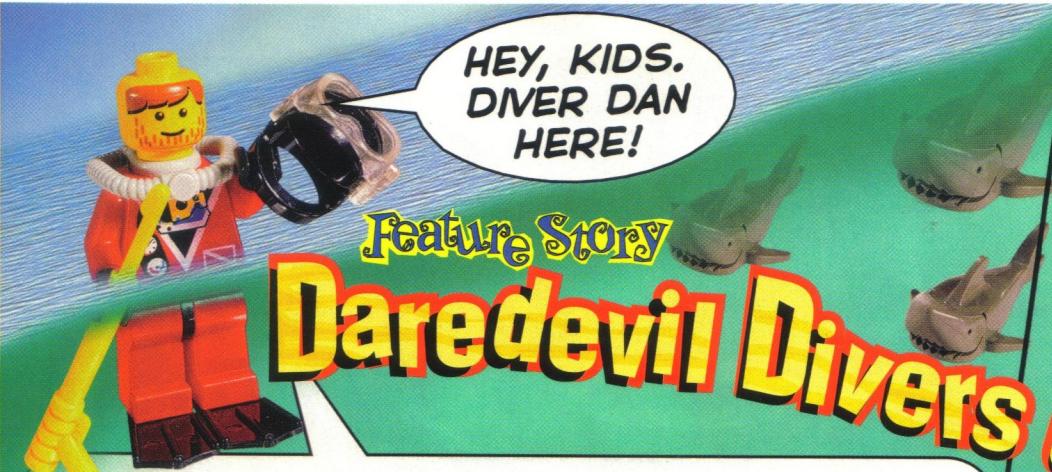
I'LL GET YOU PESKY DIVERS!!

IT HAS THE MOUTH OF A SHARK, THE TAIL OF A STINGRAY AND THE TENTACLES OF AN OCTOPUS. IT'S SOMETHING VERY DANGEROUS AND IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR US! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

TURN TO PAGE 12 FOR MORE UNDERWATER ACTION, AND NEXT ISSUE, FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS DANGEROUS SEA MONSTER!

Contest  
CLUE





HEY, KIDS.  
DIVER DAN  
HERE!

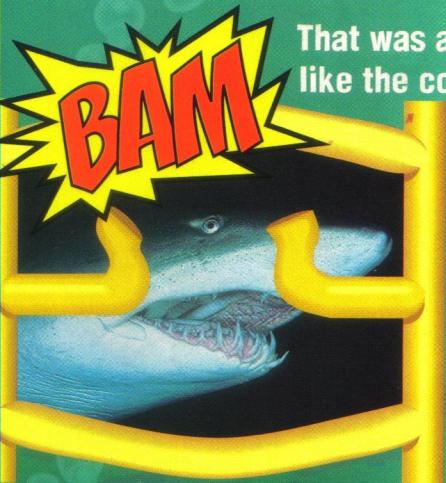
Feature Story

# Daredevil Divers of the Deep

GET SET FOR SOME DANGEROUS DEEP-SEA ADVENTURES AS YOU EXPLORE THE OCEAN WITH SCUBA SANDY AND ME. WE'LL SCUFFLE WITH SHARKS, RIDE SOME RAYS, AND AVOID OCTOPUSES. CLIMB INTO THE SHARK CAGE AND LET'S GO. SANDY'S A MARINE BIOLOGIST, AND SHE CAN TELL YOU ALL ABOUT SHARKS.

## SHARKS ARE DANGEROUS,

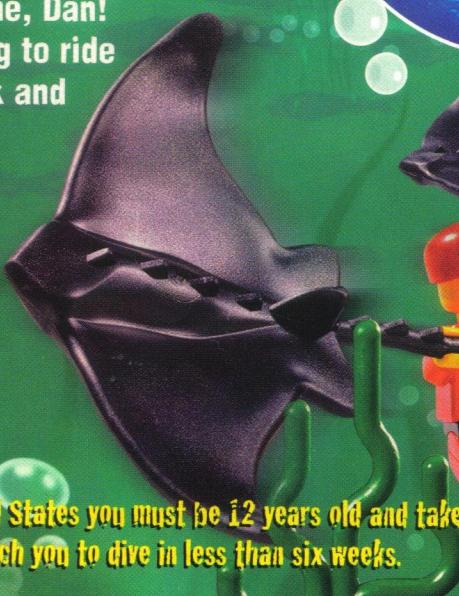
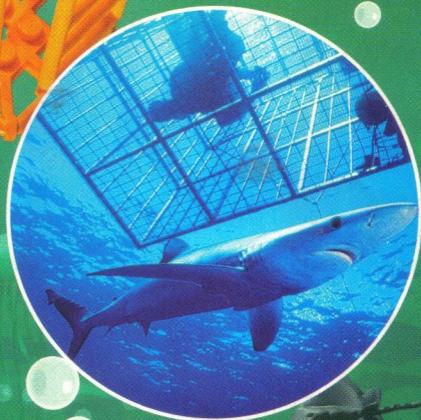
unpredictable and will eat almost anything that moves. Look out! It's heading this way. Keep your arms and legs inside the shark cage. **BAM!** That was one angry shark. It rammed the cage so hard that it bent the steel bars!



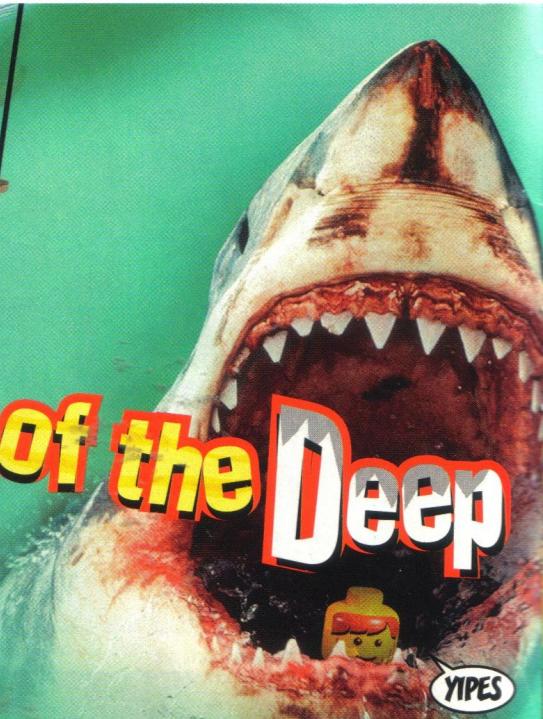
That was a close one! Looks like the coast is clear now, Dan. Go ahead and swim out of the cage. Just be careful where you step. Stingrays like to hide under the sand. If you step on one, it can sting you with its tail. Here come some now. Watch me, Dan! I'm going to ride

that big ray. I'll just climb on its back and hold onto its wings. Yeehaa!

Okay, everyone. We're down about 60 feet now, and there are lots of canyons, ledges and caves. Stay away from the caves, right Dan?



YEEHAA!



YIPES

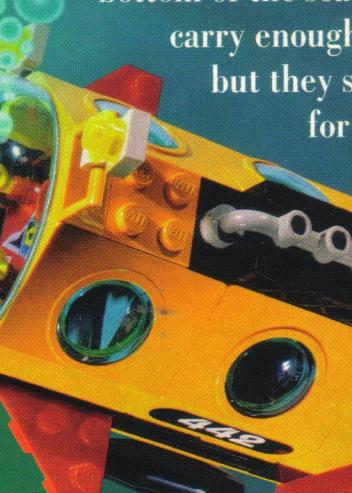
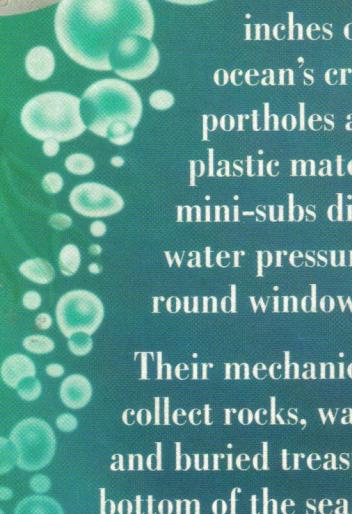
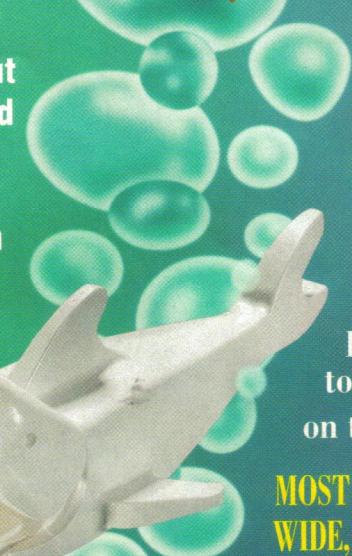
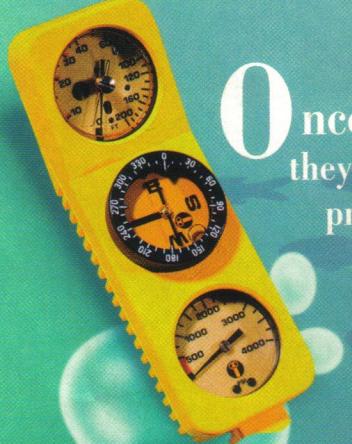
HEY SANDY,  
THAT GREAT WHITE  
SHARK IS BACK!  
LAST ONE TO  
THE SURFACE  
IS SHARK BAIT!



Factoid: To scuba dive in the United States you must be 12 years old and take a required diving course. Expert instructors can teach you to dive in less than six weeks.

## THAT'S WHERE OCTOPUSES LIVE.

That's right, Sandy. Some octopuses can change the color of their skin to white, brown, red, and green and hide themselves among the same color coral and rocks. Most octopuses are small, but some get as big as 10 feet and 70 pounds—big enough to attack a shark. See that bite mark on my hand? I got it from an octopus who wasn't too happy with me snooping around. I tried to shoo him away, but I only had two arms and it had eight!



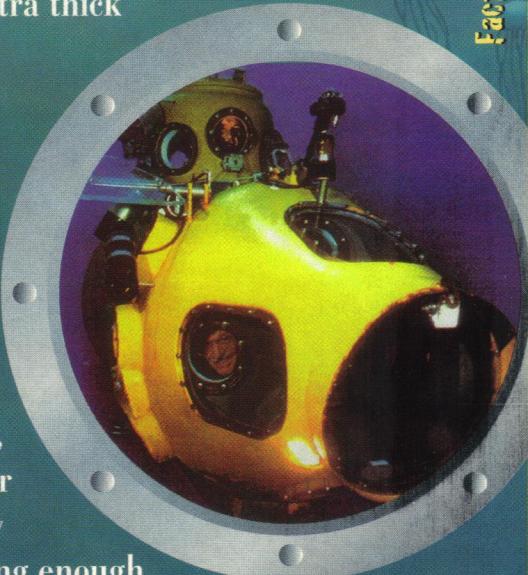
Factoid: Great whites have a big mouth because they swallow their food whole.

Once scuba divers dive past 130 feet, they can run into problems. The increased water pressure sends hydrogen gas bubbles from a diver's air tank into the diver's bloodstream.

To survive the water pressure, divers explore the really deep sea in mini subs called submersibles, like the #6442 Sting Ray Explorer. The deepest most submersibles go is 36,000 feet. At those depths, the dark water is about 37 degrees and the water pressure on the sub is similar to the weight of a skyscraper on top of you.

MOST MINI-SUBS ARE ABOUT 25 FEET LONG AND 7 FEET WIDE, so they're not much bigger than a car. Only 2 inches of titanium metal protect divers from the ocean's crushing water pressure. The sub's round portholes are made of extra thick plastic materials, but as mini-subs dive deeper, the water pressure flattens the round windows.

Their mechanical arms collect rocks, water samples and buried treasure from the bottom of the sea. Mini-subs carry enough air for 3 days, but they stay underwater for less than a day which is long enough for even the most daring diver.



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DIVING WAY DOWN DEEP

Factoid: Sharks can smell blood up to a quarter mile away!

#6441

# Deep Reef Refuge

FREE  
Bonus  
"Pull out"  
Poster



## CLUB MEMBER REVIEW

Club Member,  
Adam Ballester, Age 9 of New York

**"Deep Reef Refuge  
is Really the Best!"**

The sub is awesome and the undersea lab is the best! "The lab's bubbles are way cool! They open so the divers can swim out of them!" The x-ray machine was ex-cellent for examining sea creatures. Adam loved the dolphin, stingray and especially the great white shark! Once he built the Deep Reef Refuge, Adam trained his sea creatures to help the divers find sunken treasure — but they had to move quickly because Captain Red Beard wanted the treasure too!



THE SUB'S  
CARGO DOORS  
OPEN AND  
CLOSE FOR  
EASY LOADING.

WATCH OUT FOR

DIVERS

THE THREE 9'6/  
SHARKS, SAWFISH  
AND STINGRAYS!

Diver Dan

HANG UP YOUR  
OXYGEN TANKS  
INSIDE THE LAB  
AND CHECK  
OUT CRAWLY  
CRITTERS  
UNDER THE  
MICROSCOPE!



Close the undersea lab  
when sharks get to close!



Scuba Sandy



Flipper

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INSERT TILE  
INTO X-RAY  
MACHINE AND  
CHECK OUT  
THE INSIDES  
OF COOL SEA  
CREATURES!

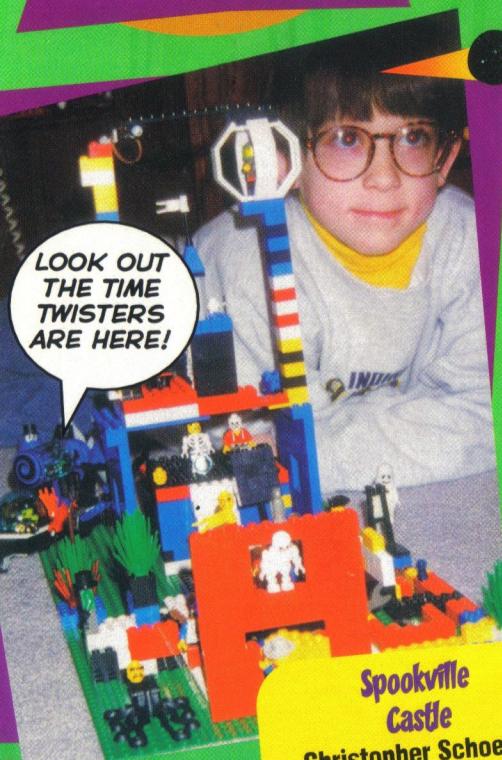


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 LEGO Club  
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# maniac madness

Remember to write your name,  
 address, age and model name on  
 the back of each photograph.  
 Pictures will not be returned, so  
 take an extra photo for yourself!



**Spookville  
Castle**  
 Christopher Schoepp,  
 of Indiana



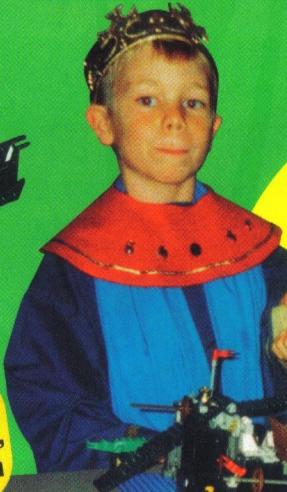
**Country House**  
 Tanya McCrory,  
 Age 13, of Missouri

**Dragon Fly  
and Bug Station**  
 Dylan Eichenberg,  
 Age 6, of California



Contest  
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**Two Spaceships**  
 Cooper Williams & Nick Brett,  
 Ages 10 & 11, of Washington



**The Castle**  
 Sonny & Andy Lutz,  
 Ages 8 & 6, of Virginia

THE HOUSE  
 IS ON HINGES  
 SO IT CAN OPEN  
 AND CLOSE.

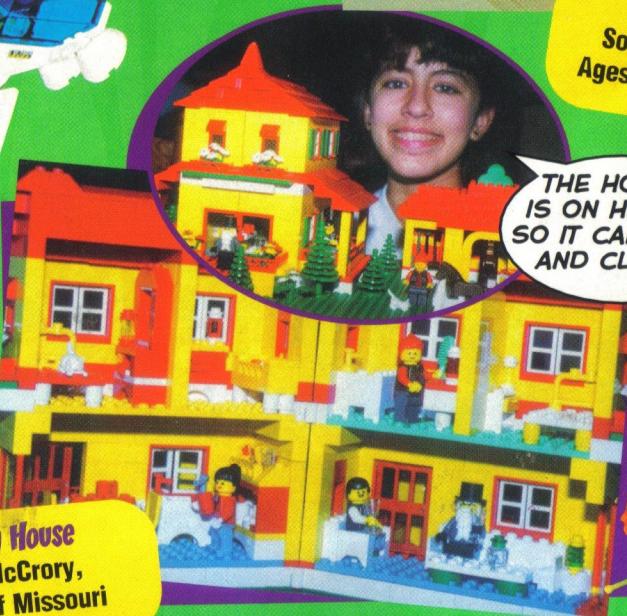


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# the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac in

## The Mysterious Sea Monster... No Match for the Maniac



LET'S  
GO  
DIVERS!

CAPTAIN  
REDBEARD  
SLINK ANOTHER  
TREASURE  
SHIP!

GOING  
DOWN!

NEXT  
STOP...

...REDBEARD'S  
CROSS BONE  
CLIPPER!

DIVER DAN AND  
SCUBA SANDY RUSH  
TO THE SUNKEN  
TREASURE.  
MEANWHILE, R.C.  
COMES TO LEND A  
HAND WITH HIS SUB.

Contest  
CLUE

LAST  
ONE THERE  
IS A ROTTEN  
EEL.

pirate hat

THERE'S  
NO WAY  
IN!

I'VE  
GOT AN  
IDEA.

HEY,  
SAWFISH,  
WHERE'D YOU  
GET THAT  
NOSE, THE  
HARDWARE  
STORE?

OLE!

LIKE HOW  
I TRICKED MR.  
SAWFISH INTO  
LENDING US  
A NOSE?

NOT  
BAD...

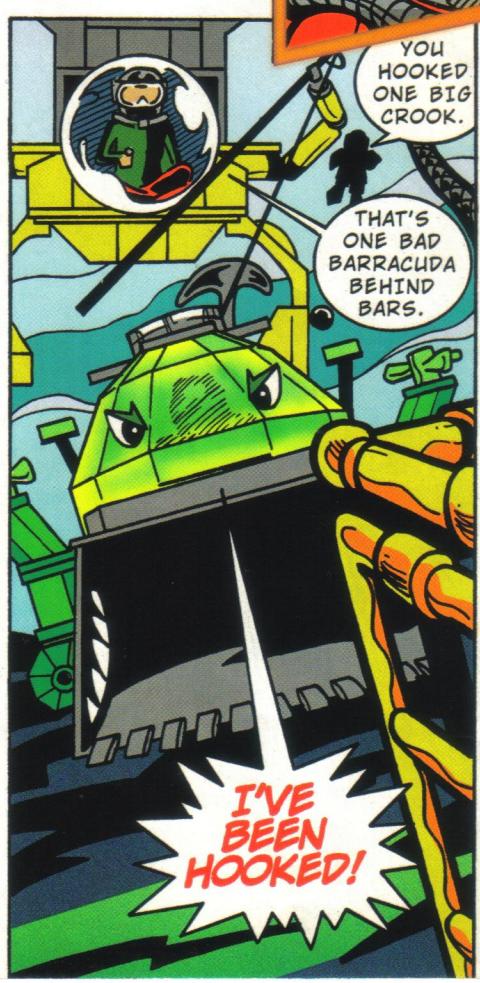
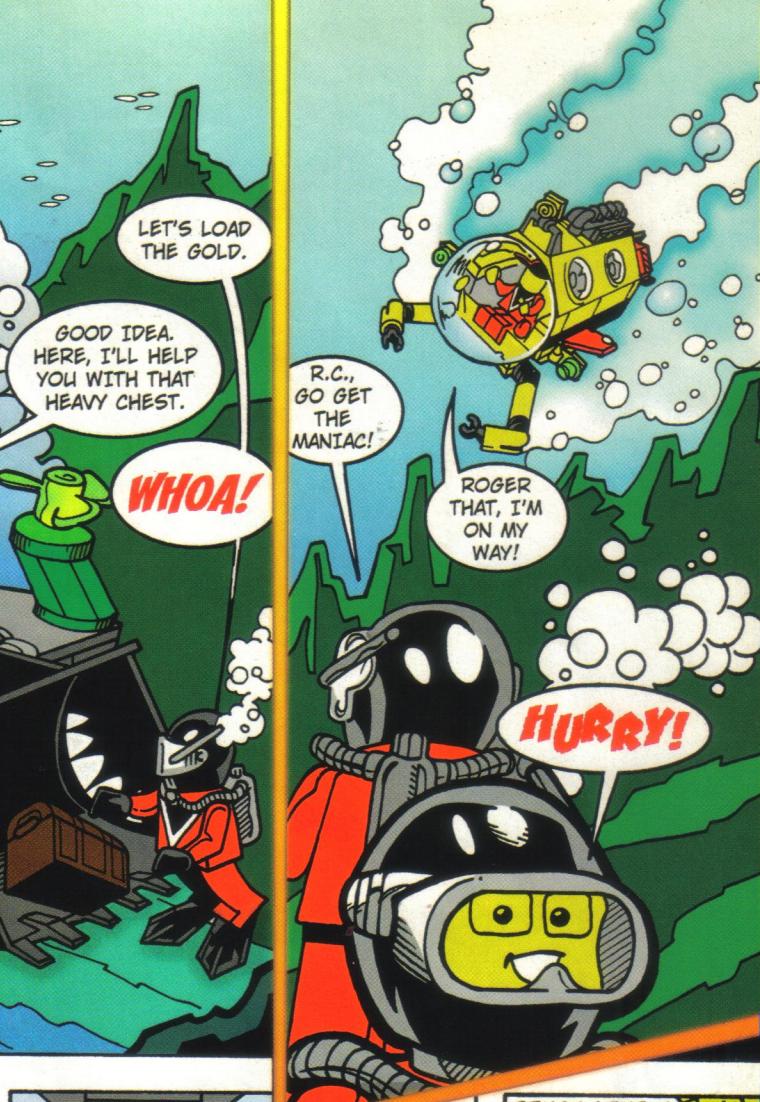
...BUT LOOK  
AT ME RIDE  
THIS RAY  
WHOA!

COME ON  
IN  
AND CHECK OUT  
THE TREASURE!

WE'D  
BETTER BE  
QUICK.

OLD  
NEEDLE  
NOSE LOOKS  
A LITTLE  
BENT OUT  
OF SHAPE.

AND HE  
BROUGHT  
SOME  
HUNGRY  
LOOKING  
FRIENDS.





# YOU CAN BUILD THIS...

Inspired by Club Member,  
Patrick Ryan, Age 7



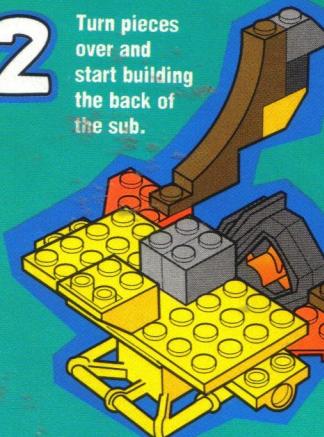
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1 Build a powerful engine.

WE MADE  
STEP ONE  
UPSIDE  
DOWN!

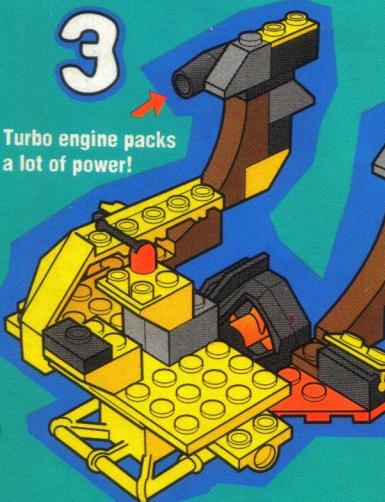
WE MADE  
STEP ONE  
UPSIDE  
DOWN!

2 Turn pieces over and start building the back of the sub.

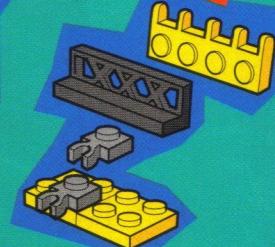


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Turbo engine packs a lot of power!



4



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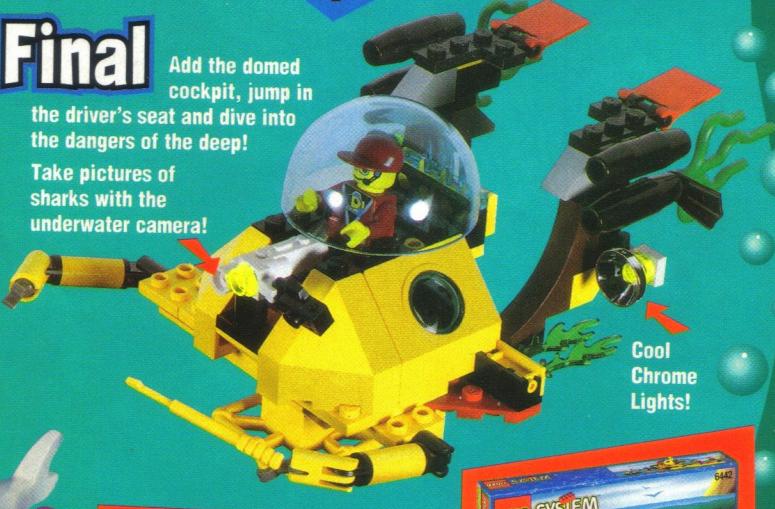


Grabbing  
grabber  
arms!

Final

Add the domed cockpit, jump in the driver's seat and dive into the dangers of the deep!

Take pictures of sharks with the underwater camera!



Cool  
Chrome  
Lights!

Use pieces from your LEGO collection or you can find all the pieces you need in #6442 Sting Ray Explorer.



#6442 Sting Ray Explorer



# What's for Lunch?

Just find 10 "Contest Clue Sharks", then tell us where you found them and what they ate for lunch!

Mail your entry by July 21, 1997

1. homework on page 15

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

Just fill in the contest entry form. Cut it out and mail it by July 21, 1997 to:

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LEGO MANIA Magazine  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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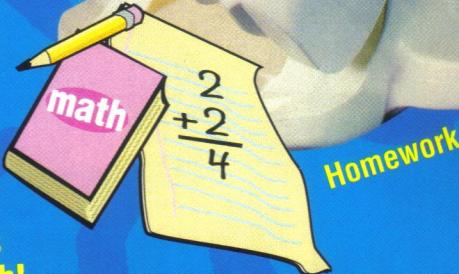
Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

HEY!  
DO YOU WANT  
FRIES WITH  
THAT CONTEST  
CLUE?



Contest  
CLUE

"Contest Clue" symbol will help you find the sharks!



Homework

Here's  
the first  
contest  
clue!

**Sharks** will eat almost anything that swims or gets thrown off a boat. Gas cans, car parts, deer antlers, hats and even other sharks have been found in their stomachs. The great white LEGO shark has been really hungry lately and just ate some of the weirdest things for lunch. Look for the great white LEGO sharks chomping on things hidden throughout the magazine. In the spaces on the left, write down what's for lunch (what's in the shark's mouth) and the page you find it on.

You could win this set!



The first 10 randomly selected entries with the correct answers will win a LEGO set of their choice (up to \$100 value).

Entries must be postmarked by July 21, 1997 and received by July 25, 1997. Winners will be notified by mail by September 1, 1997. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc. and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged by LEGO Systems, Inc. on the basis of accuracy. ©1997 The LEGO Group.

Look for details about the Deep Sea Challenge Building Contest in the July/August Issue!

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## #C200 LEGO Lid

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you'll look cool on the court.  
100% nylon tank top

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